

In Memoriam - Allen Steve Joyner

March 11, 1956 - July 31, 2022



We are saddened by the news that Washington County Commissioner Steve Joyner passed away Sunday after a lengthy illness. Joyner was a successful businessman, and during his adult life served as both the County Administrator and County Commissioner for the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. The family will receive friends for visitation 6-8PM Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at Shiloh Baptist Church. Funeral service will be held 11AM Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Chipley, Florida. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org.

<https://www.obertfuneralhome.com/obituary/steve-joyner>

The Briefing – Wednesday – August 3 –2022

The last Briefing was Monday, August 1, 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

Happy Birthday Beck Berentsen

IMPORTANT BROADBAND WEBINAR TODAY

The Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband: An Update from the DEO Office of Broadband

Noon EST

Presenter – Katie Smith, Director, DEO Office of Broadband

[Register at this link!](#)

Join this important Webinar for a presentation on the Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband. The Florida Office of Broadband Director Katie Smith will provide highlights of Florida's plan for broadband including the critical work of Local Technology Planning Teams. The Strategic Plan lays out the vision of the Office of Broadband, the elements and steps of the strategic plan, the roles for state and local stakeholders, and the strategies to undertake as Florida works toward the expansion of broadband Internet. FAC encourages all counties to form an LTPT and begin assessing their community for broadband availability.

The Quick

Military Vet. Health Care Benefits to be expanded under new Federal Law

A bill to expand health care benefits to military veterans passed the U.S. Senate - 86-11, Tuesday night. It is now headed to President Joe Biden.

State Economists Project Public-School Student enrollment to exceed 3 million students

State economists Tuesday released a report that forecast public-school enrollment in the coming years. Here are enrollment numbers for recent years and forecast totals for the 2022-2023 academic year and subsequent years:

2016-2017: 2,804,865

2017-2018: 2,822,732
2018-2019: 2,831,913
2019-2020: 2,860,469
2020-2021: 2,801,507
2021-2022: 2,923,394
2022-2023: 2,983,464
2023-2024: 3,028,736
2024-2025: 3,065,310
2025-2026: 3,093,306
2026-2027: 3,110,253
2027-2028: 3,133,803

Note: The numbers represent full-time equivalent students.
Source: Florida Education Estimating Conference

DeSantis Appoints Jeffrey Moore to Gadsden County Commission

Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed Jeffrey Moore to the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners. Moore, a Republican, fills a seat vacated by Chairman Anthony Viegbesie, a Democrat who retired last month. Viegbesie represented District 2, a Democratic-leaning seat that stretches from north Quincy to west Havana. Moore, of Havana, is a former tax law specialist at the Florida Department of Revenue and running to fill the District 2 in November. Moore will serve until a new Commissioner is seated following the General Election on Nov. 8.

Hernando County judge Stops School Board effort seeking Nov. 8 sales tax referendum

A Circuit Judge issued an order stopping the board's lawsuit that seeks to force the County Commission to place a local sales tax referendum on the General Election ballot. The Court stated that the parties did not participate in [state-mandated negotiations](#) before turning to the court. School district officials have argued that going through that process would have the effect of killing the referendum in 2022 because it would take too long. County commissioners have said they would put the question on the 2024 ballot, which is not the district's preference. The School Board's suit contended that the county commission overstepped its authority by denying the SB effort to put the referendum to the voters this year. The ruling creates a time constraint, as the supervisor of elections has set a deadline of noon on Aug. 19 to get the item onto the ballot this year. The school district is assessing its options.

Election Information

<https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>

- For information on candidates for federal, state, judicial, multicounty and special district officers for future elections and campaign finance information as relates to upcoming elections, visit [Candidates, Campaign Documents and Committees](#)
- For information about the 2022 Legislative and Congressional maps, plans and other details, visit the Florida Legislature's webpage [Florida Redistricting](#).

For other key election dates, refer to the [Election Dates and Activities Calendar for 2022-2023](#)

Headlines from around the State

Politico: Faith-based groups sue to overturn Florida's 15-week abortion ban

Axios: Tampa rabbi joins lawsuit against Florida's abortion ban

Politico: Matt Gaetz and the R word: Florida's Democratic primary takes bitter detour

Herald: Rubio urges FBI to investigate Cubas ties to U.S.-based anti-embargo group Bridges of Love

FlaPol: Rick Scott says Joe Biden is 'completely lying'

The Floridian: Harris Campaigns With Val Demings

Sentinel: Far-right activist Laura Loomer seeks to unseat GOP Rep. Daniel Webster

FlaPol: Jeff Boone seeking 'supply-side Democrat' path in crowded CD 10 Primary

FlaPol: Florida Democrats — and most Republicans — applaud killing of Ayman al-Zawahiri

Bradenton Herald: Ratings agency drops two Florida property insurers entirely, downgrades a third

Axios: Florida among leading states in EV adoption

Times: Russia wants to mar U.S. elections. Why target St. Petersburg's Uhurus?

FlaPol: President Biden appoints consultant and LGBTQ activist Joseph Falk to U.S. Institute of Peace

Sentinel: Florida lottery sales beat expectations but start to slow

WUSF: Have you finally ditched your landline and gone wireless? You're not alone

Times: School lunches have come into the crosshairs of Florida's culture war

Herald Tribune: Crabs that may help save Florida's iconic reefs will be born and bred on land

WUSF: Nearly 1,000 instances of Florida nursing home residents exiting without supervision

NBC Miami: 'This Kind of Pain Will Last Forever': More Parkland Victims' Families Speak at Shooter's Sentencing

Sun-Sentinel: 'All you see is a broken family.' Parkland victims' families tell jurors about how mass shooting ripped apart their lives

Herald: 'I have to live my life with anger now.' Jurors hear raw grief from Parkland parents

WLRN: Family members tell jurors about the victims of the Parkland school shooting

News4Jax: Grieving father erupts at Parkland school shooter's trial

Times: Publix settles suit accusing company of using a similar logo, but who won?

WUSF: You, too, can help rid Florida of the invasive Burmese python

Post: Once formidable Ciklin Lubitz law firm disbands after fortunes falter with pandemic

WUSF: A housing crisis and inflation are making it harder for theme park workers to stay in Florida

Herald: Will Sheriff Tony reinstate ex-Broward deputy acquitted in teen's head-slammng arrest?

FlaPol: Broward Sheriff: Fragmented 911 system would send MSD calls to wrong agency

The Capitolist: HCA Healthcare, Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce partner to remedy healthcare worker crisis

The Capitolist: University of Central Florida college of hospitality management named top in nation for third consecutive year

Bradenton Herald: Charlie Crist is Florida's perpetual campaigner. Can he win twice and govern again?

Times: Nikki Fried is running for governor. Is she an insider or an outsider?

Politico: Florida Democrats attempt to counter DeSantis with school board endorsements

The Capitolist: Florida Democratic Party rolls out list of school board endorsements

FlaPol: Bakari Sellers boosts Nikki Fried ahead of campaign stretch run

CBS Miami: Lt. Governor Jeanette Nuñez calls allegations made against her "completely false"

Florida Political Review: Florida Governor Primary Q&A: Nikki Fried

Florida Political Review: Florida Governor Primary Q&A: Charlie Crist

Democrat: Analysis: How 3 Florida Democratic attorney general candidates aim to unseat Ashley Moody

AP: Consultant pleads not guilty in 'ghost candidate' case

Bradenton Herald: Florida school safety panel probes the inconsistent way safety threats are assessed

Sun-Sentinel: Florida schools need more armed security, state commission says

NBC Miami: Prosecutors Drop Battery Charge Against Rep. Carlos Gimenez's Son

FlaPol: Randolph Bracy proposes taxing out-of-state housing investors

FlaPol: Lauren Book wins endorsement from new committee of former state leaders

Sentinel: 3 Republicans, 3 Democrats vie in potential swing House District 35

Times-Union: Democrats lead crowded election to represent Jacksonville in state House District 14

FlaPol: Scott Moore claims he's a lifelong Republican, but bailed on the party in 2016

FlaPol: Daniella Levine Cava threatens to sue over misleading photo with HD 113 candidate

Times-Union: Two Democrats running state House of Representatives District 13

FlaPol: Florida Chamber endorses Wengay Newton ahead of HD 62 Primary

FlaPol: Top candidates in HD 8 each top \$70K in money added this cycle

FlaPol: New Corey Simon ad takes a look back at the SD 3 hopeful's childhood

Herald: Despite Surfside settlement, legal battles may not be over. Who could face lawsuits?

Herald: Surfside land sale now official. What's next for the oceanfront property where 98 died?

Ledger: C.C. 'Doc' Dockery, Lakeland businessman and Republican adviser, dies at 89

Herald: 24-year incumbent faces DeSantis-backed teacher in School Boards District 8 race

Sun-Sentinel: Conference at Ritz-Carlton cost Broward schools \$100,000

Times: Pinellas schools review dozens of books, prompted by new Florida laws

Today: Third candidate emerges as Sheriff Ivey election controversy grows

Democrat: FAMU buying student housing properties near campus for \$14M

Herald: 'We can win this race.' Demings turns to Miami Haitians in bid for Senate

FlaPol: Next wave of Disney campaign donations could signal whether the Mouse is mad at Florida Republicans

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rejects 'Orwellian doublespeak' about recession

CBS Miami: More than 460,000 primary ballots cast

The Floridian: Wasserman Schultz Chides Gun Manufacturers for 'Targeting Youngsters'

The Floridian: American Lawmakers Praised Targeted Killing of 9/11 Terrorist Ayman al-Zawahiri

WLRN: Red handed: The connection between human pollution and Florida's worsening red tide outbreaks

Sentinel: Election 2022: Crowded field looks to flip Murphy's congressional seat to GOP

Sun-Sentinel: Vice President Harris visits South Florida to tout \$1 billion plan for climate-related disasters

Herald: VP Harris uses Miami visit to tout \$1 billion to combat heat, flooding. What's local cut?

Times-Union: Marco Rubio's older brother makes DCF his latest government post

FlaPol: School lunches in dust-up, lawsuit over new federal LGBTQ anti-bias requirements

Post: Florida monkeypox cases, confirmed or probable, at 442 in over 2 months. Here's where they are

Sun: First case of monkeypox confirmed in Alachua County by Florida Department of Health

NBC Miami: 'Life Has Been Shattered': Jurors Hear Heartbreak Suffered by Parkland Victims' Families

Herald: 'Magic personified.' Jurors hear loved ones describe murdered victims at Parkland school

AP: At school shooter's trial, families recall lives lost

Herald: Parkland school shooter's sister wants to testify in his trial. But she's in jail, too

Sentinel: Orlando downtown shooting: City to add 'controlled entry' checkpoints, mayor says

Axios: Major cannabis player moves from Seattle to Tampa

WUSF: Gas prices across Florida fall below \$4 a gallon following weeks of declines

Ledger: Polk State President Angela Garcia Falconetti appointed to national education commission

WLRN: Magbanua is sentenced to life as Adelson seeks freedom before his trial for Markel's murder

Herald: Federal appeals court upholds most of Miami Beach's restrictions on strip clubs

The Capitolist: Nikki Fried pitches "something new" in first TV ad ahead of Democratic primary

FlaPol: State matching funds buoy Charlie Crist's campaign cash

The Capitolist: Nikki Fried slams DeSantis, holds monkeypox press conference

Politico: Florida Power & Light operates an exclusive, invite-only lounge for lawmakers and lobbyists

Sentinel: Florida insurance firms, not homeowners, reap benefit of \$2 billion taxpayer-financed fund

FlaPol: Nikki Fried, Bakari Sellers plan Jacksonville town hall Tuesday

WLRN: Florida Board of Medicine considers whether to block gender-affirming care for transgender youth

WUSF: State Rep. Smith calls on the federal government to make available more monkeypox vaccine

City & State FL: Florida election preview: State senate primary races to watch in 2022

FlaPol: State returned \$26M in unclaimed property to Floridians in July

WLRN: Space Florida aims to expand role in financing aerospace projects

The Floridian: Joe Harding Flexes Sponsorship of Parental Rights Bill in Re-election Bid

FlaPol: Kelly Skidmore dominates in spending, fundraising as she fends off Primary challenge

FlaPol: Jason Holloway, Kim Berfield start to spend big as HD 58 Primary approaches

FlaPol: Karen Gonzalez Pittman leads fundraising in HD 65 Republican Primary field

The Capitolist: University of South Florida, Florida Atlantic University set yearly fundraising records

Bradenton Herald: As Florida citrus crop declines, Tropicana's orange juice imports take on new importance

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints GOP candidate Jeffery Moore as Gadsden Commissioner

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis reappoints Eugene Lamb Jr. to TCC board of trustees

Post: Legitimate 'bonuses'? Sheriff hands out big bucks in extra compensation to top staff, aides

Sun-Sentinel: Some voters say they got wrong ballots for primary elections. Updated forms are on the way.

WUSF: Shining example: Tampa Bay's water quality is declining after a half-century of gains

Times: Housing costs pricing out new hires for USF St. Petersburg

On the Docket

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022

- **PROPERTY TAXES:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze ad valorem, or property, taxes. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **PAROLE ISSUES:** The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES:** The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214)
- **CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL:** The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., CareerSource Heartland, 5901 U.S. 27 South, Suite 1, Sebring.)
- **PATIENT SAFETY:** The Agency for Health Care Administration will hold a workshop about a proposed rule on patient-safety surveys. (Wednesday, 10 a.m., Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Dr., Building 2, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 998518088)
- **CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AT TIGER BAY:** Candidates in the Orlando area's Congressional District 10 are scheduled to appear at the Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida. (Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Citrus Club, 255 South Orange Ave., Suite 1800, Orlando.)
- **GRUTERS RAISES MONEY:** Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, is slated to hold a fundraising event for his re-election campaign. (Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., Caragiulos, 69 South Palm Ave., Sarasota.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

- **MEDICAID MONEY:** The Social Services Estimating Conference will take up the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, or FMAP, which helps determine how much money Florida gets

from the federal government for the Medicaid program. (Thursday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

- KIDCARE PROGRAM: The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze expenditures in the KidCare subsidized health-insurance program. (Thursday, 9:15 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- GAMBLING ISSUES: The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- WATER QUALITY: The state Blue-Green Algae Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Florida Atlantic University, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8696309467480541198>)
- GRUTERS, JOHNSON AT TIGER BAY: Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, and his opponent in a Republican primary, Michael Johnson, are slated to appear at the Sarasota Tiger Bay Club. (Thursday, noon, Michael's on East, 1212 South East Ave., Sarasota.)
- BOARD OF NURSING: The Florida Board of Nursing will meet in Miami-Dade County. (Thursday, 1:30 p.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center, 711 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami.)
- TRANSPORTATION MONEY: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss transportation revenues. (Thursday, 2 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- I-95 IMPROVEMENTS: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about Interstate 95 improvements in Duval County from Interstate 10 to north of Beaver Street. (Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Department of Transportation urban office training center, 2198 Edison Ave., Jacksonville.)
- POLK HOUSE CANDIDATES AT FORUM: Republicans Jennifer Canady and Phillip Walker, who are running for an open seat in House District 50, are slated to appear at a forum held by the Faith Based Republican Club of West Polk. (Thursday, 7 p.m., Believers' Fellowship Church, 5240 North Socrum Loop Road, Lakeland.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022

- PYTHON CHALLENGE STARTS: The state's annual Python Challenge, which offers prizes for killing invasive Burmese pythons in the Everglades, will begin. The event will last through Aug. 14. (Friday, 8 a.m.)
- BOARD OF MEDICINE: The Florida Board of Medicine will meet in Broward County. (Friday, 8 a.m., Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport, 166 North Compass Way, Dania Beach.)
- BOARD OF NURSING: The Florida Board of Nursing will meet in Miami-Dade County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center, 711 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami.)
- GAMBLING MONEY ANALYZED: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to slot machines and Indian casinos. (Friday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS: The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/434356149>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 434356149)
- ORTHOTISTS, PROSTHETISTS BOARD: The Florida Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 479226861)
- HISTORICAL COMMISSION: The Florida Historical Commission will hold a quarterly meeting. (Friday, 9:30 a.m. <https://dos-myflorida.zoom.us/j/83410424939#success>. Meeting ID: 83410424939. Code: 758023)

- **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION MONEY:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up the Public Education Capital Outlay, or PECO, program. (Friday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **DIABETES ISSUES:** The state Diabetes Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 498993800)
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE:** State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through July 29.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 22-23

2022

August 23 -	Primary Election
Sept. 14-16 -	FAC Legislative Policy Conference – Miami-Dade
November 8 -	General Election
Possible TBA	<i>Small County Coalition</i> – Orientation and Legislative Meeting
November 22 -	Legislative Organizational Session
Nov. 29 – Dec. 2 -	FSBA/FADSS Annual Winter Conference – Tampa
<i>Dec. 1 -</i>	<i>Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of FSBA Small Dist. Council and the Small School District Council Consortium</i>
<i>Nov. 30- Dec. 2 -</i>	<i>FAC Legislative Conference – Pinellas</i>
December –	Legislative Committee Meetings
December 7-9 -	Rural Development Summit – Registration and Hotel Information

2023

January –	Legislative Committee Meetings
February –	Legislative Committee Meetings
March 7 -	Regular Session convenes
March 15 -	Small District Briefing – prior to FSBA Legislative Conference
March 15–17 -	36th Annual FSBA Day in the Legislature
March - TBD –	Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing and Reception
April 25-	Rural Counties Day Legislative Reception
April 27 -	Rural Days in the Legislature
May 5 -	60th day – last day of Regular Session
June 7-9-	FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
June 27-30 -	FAC Annual Summer Conference
November 30 –	Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium

Five Day Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: ✕ < 40% ✕ 40-60% ✕ > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: ○ Depression ⦿ Storm ⦿ Hurricane

⊗ Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

About the Briefing!

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Website Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)